



**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
DEER MANAGEMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – 7:30 PM
Village Hall – 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL 60305
Community Room

AGENDA

Physical attendance at this public meeting is limited to 10 individuals, with Committee members and staff having priority over members of the public. Public comments and any responses will be read into the public meeting record. You may submit your public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: Sara Phyfer at sphyfer@vrf.us. You may listen to the meeting by participating in a telephone conference call as follows, dial-in number: 312-626-6799 with meeting ID: 856 9473 2935. If you would like to participate over the phone, please email sphyfer@vrf.us by 5:00 PM on June 15, 2020. **THAT SAID, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GOAL IS TO CONDUCT THE MEETING VIRTUALLY, SO ONLY COME TO VILLAGE HALL FOR THE MEETING IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF PARTICIPATING VIRTUALLY.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Electronic Participation
3. Approval of Rules for Public Comment Before the Committee
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
6. Reports from Subcommittees
7. Old Business
 - a. Continued Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the River Forest Deer Questionnaire
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting
10. Adjournment

VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
DEER MANAGEMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE
RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Except during the portion of the meeting dedicated to public comment, no person, other than Deer Management Ad-Hoc Committee (“Committee”) members or Village of River Forest (“Village”) staff, may address the Committee without consent of a majority of the Committee members then present.
2. The public may address the Committee with concerns or comments regarding issues relevant to Committee business. Issues relevant to Committee business means those that the Committee has the authority to address, items listed on the agenda and items or issues previously discussed by the Committee or that the Committee has the authority to consider or vote on in the future.
3. The Chair or her/his designee shall limit comments to matters that are relevant to Committee business.
4. Any person addressing the Committee shall be allotted five minutes to speak.

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
DEER MANAGEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Laurie Gillard, Katharine Christmas, John Roeger, Cathleen Hughes, Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Ronald Lemar, Marta Kozbur, Ingrid Liu, Annette Madden

Absent: John Flynn

Also Present: Management Analyst Sara Phyfer, Tim Preuss (Illinois Department of Natural Resources)

2. APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Lueking made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gillard, to allow electronic participation.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Laurie Gillard, Katharine Christmas, John Roeger, Cathleen Hughes, Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Ronald Lemar, Marta Kozbur, Ingrid Liu, Annette Madden

Absent: John Flynn

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lena Georgiev, 411 Lathrop. Ms. Georgiev stated she thought the cost of culling should be included on the survey as well as a definition of culling. She stated that culling leads to increased fertility and asked about including nonviolent alternatives to culling on the survey. She asked how the survey will be distributed and shared her experience with testing for Lyme disease. She asked about what research the Committee has done and whether the member applications are available.

Mary Vanker, 1234 Monroe. Ms. Vanker thanked Tim Preuss for participating in the meeting and encouraged the Committee to consider his direction on the survey, and asked that he share information about establishing goals and how to achieve them. Ms. Vanker discussed the cost of the IGA with the Forest Preserves and providing costs of options on the survey. Ms. Vanker encouraged the Committee to be fair in what information is shared in the survey so that it is not biased and commented about Question 3.

Chairperson Cargie stated the cost of the IGA is up to \$40,000 and based on the number of tags.

Frank Vanker, 1234 Monroe. Mr. Vanker expressed concern about ranking answers in Question 8. Mr. Vanker asked that the Committee consider including a “sequential approach” as part of Question 11. He expressed concern about including population control in multiple questions and stated some questions are inaccurate and misleading. He also commented about Question 12.

Chairperson Cargie read into the record comments submitted by Annie Wallis, 846 Monroe. She encouraged the Committee to take the advice of Mr. Preuss regarding the survey and to request his advice on how to gather data to measure success. She also provided comments about language in the survey, specifically for Questions 3, 7, 8, and 11.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lueking made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liu, to approve the June 2, 2020 meeting minutes.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Laurie Gillard, Katharine Christmas, John Roeger, Cathleen Hughes, Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Ronald Lemar, Marta Kozbur, Ingrid Liu, Annette Madden

Absent: John Flynn

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

5. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Chairperson Cargie reported that the Village Board of Trustees had no objection to the Committee spending \$3,000 to mail post cards to all households in the Village.

In response to a question from Ms. Armstrong, Chairperson Cargie stated there is no hard date to finish the survey since they are no longer considering a water bill insert. However, he noted the it is completed the better so the Committee has more time to collate the responses. He also noted that the Committee’s report and recommendation is due September 30.

In response to a question from Ms. Christmas, Chairperson Cargie stated he would check with the Village Administrator about requesting email addresses on the survey.

Ms. Hughes suggested the Committee implement its own rule to limit public comment to 5 minutes.

Mr. Preuss summarized the intent of the survey, suggesting it should be about identifying issues in the Village rather than educating the public.

The Committee members asked Mr. Preuss various questions. He confirmed that the only permits the IDNR issues for deer population control are sharpshooting and, depending on the program, live capture and mechanical euthanization. He explained that these are the only programs that are proven to be effective in reducing deer related issues. He noted there are logistical issues with contraception and sterilization and that these are experimental methods and not effective from the IDNR's perspective. Regarding sequential approaches, Mr. Preuss stated nonlethal methods are methods applied by residents. He stated that the driving factor of deer population control methods is based on deer damage being experienced and that estimates of a deer population size are unnecessary for permits. He confirmed that the entity submitting a permit is required to submit data related to deer damage, noting that in this community, the Forest Preserves would submit data based on plant damage. Mr. Preuss explained that the survey data the Village will be collecting will help determine whether to enter into an agreement with the Forest Preserves, who will submit the permit application based on deer damage to the Forest Preserves' property. He suggested conducting the survey annually to track trends, noting that it is not very labor intensive. He stated a research program to capture deer and treat for sterilization could cost between \$200,000-\$300,000 per year. Referring to a Highland Park sterilization study, he stated it was not effective long term, increased deer-vehicle accidents, and increased the doe mortality rate. Mr. Preuss stated he does not know what data the Forest Preserves has since a permit has not been submitted but that they know they would need to submit data to substantiate the permit. He stated some municipalities implement their own deer feeding ban to make it more easily enforceable, though it is already against State law.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continued Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the River Forest Deer Questionnaire

The Committee members discussed the proposed questionnaire.

There was a consensus that: Question 1 was ok; Chairperson Cargie would ask about including emails for Question 2; Question 3 was ok; to remove option a from Question 4; to change 24-months to 12-months in Questions 4 and 5; to rearrange some of the questions so they followed one another more clearly; to replace "since living in River Forest" to "experiencing in the last 12-months" in Question 7; to change the ranking of answers in Question 8 to scales of importance; to change "circle" to "check" in Question 10.

The Committee discussed Question 11 at length and came to a consensus to leave it as is, and to discuss the remaining items at its next meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. NEXT MEETING

The Committee members came to a consensus to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lemar to adjourn the Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Tom Cargie, Laurie Gillard, Katharine Christmas, John Roeger, Cathleen Hughes, Dan Hollenbach, Joel Lueking, Julie Armstrong, Dawn Mizgala, Ronald Lemar, Marta Kozbur, Ingrid Liu, Annette Madden

Absent: John Flynn

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Sara Phyfer, Secretary

Village of River Forest Deer Questionnaire

Questionnaire Objective: The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather River Forest residents' point of view on the deer population and its impacts on the community. This questionnaire will help guide the RF Deer Committee on making recommendations to next steps and is for information gathering purposes only.

Add definition of culling to the survey

- 1) Do you live in River Forest and are you at least 18 years of age? Yes or No.
 - If No, please do not complete the questionnaire.
 - If Yes, maximum of two respondents per household. Or all household members 18 and older?
- 2) What is your address?
- 3) Does the Village have your permission to contact you again in the future about this matter? If so, please include your email address here:
- 4) How do you feel about deer?
 - a) I enjoy the presence of deer
 - b) I enjoy the presence of deer, BUT I am experiencing some conflicts
 - c) I do not enjoy the presence of deer and regard them as nuisances
 - d) Other: _____
- 5) In the past 12 months, have you seen deer **on your property**?
 - a) Frequently (once a week or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
 - b) Frequently (once a week or more), all year long
 - c) Occasionally (once a month or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
 - d) Occasionally (once a month or more), all year long
 - e) Rarely (only a couple times a year)
 - f) NeverOn average, how many deer do you see on your property per occurrence? _____
- 6) In the past 12 months, have you seen deer within River Forest **outside of your property**?
 - a) Frequently (once a week or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
 - b) Frequently (once a week or more), all year long
 - c) Occasionally (once a month or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
 - d) Occasionally (once a month or more), all year long
 - e) Rarely (only a couple times a year)
 - f) Never
 - g) Please provide some detail regarding where in RF you've seen the deer, i.e. street intersection or park: _____

7) Are you experiencing any deer issues currently? If No, please skip down to Question 11

Yes No

8) What deer-related issues have you experienced in the last 12 months?

- a) Lyme disease and tick-borne infections
- b) Deer-auto collision or near miss/dangerous distraction
- c) Damage to vegetable gardens / flowers / lawn / shrubs /plants
- d) Human-habituated "too tame" deer
- e) Neighbor feeding deer and attracting them to my yard
- f) Feces in yard
- g) Other: _____

9) Have you taken any actions to alleviate the deer issues?

Yes No

10) What actions have you taken? (check all that apply and indicate how successful the action was on a 1-5 scale—with 1 being ineffective and 5 being highly effective)

- a) Tolerance / no action
- b) Switched to planting deer-resistant flower/ plant varieties
- c) Used fencing / netting / barriers
- d) Used repellents
- e) Using scare tactics
- f) Other: _____

11) Rate the below potential deer concerns below by using a scale of 0-5 (0 meaning no importance and 5 meaning very important):

- a) Lyme disease and tick-borne infections ____
- b) Deer-auto collision or near miss/dangerous distraction ____
- c) Damage to vegetable gardens / flowers / lawn / shrubs /plants ____
- d) Human-habituated "too tame" deer ____
- e) Neighbor feeding deer and attracting them to my yard ____
- f) Feces in yard ____
- g) Other: _____

12) What kind of deer conflict management program is acceptable to you?

- a) Do nothing and leave deer alone
- b) Prefer non-lethal (no killing of deer) options only (i.e. more traffic signs, education)
- c) Prefer lethal (killing of deer via professional sharpshooting) option only
- d) Prefer a combination of both options above for managing issues
- e) No opinion/ do not care
- f) Other option (please specify): _____

13) Do you believe the Village of River Forest should take action on resolving deer conflicts in the Village of River Forest? Yes or No.

- a) If Yes, do you support committing public funds toward the effort of limiting human/deer conflicts via non-population control methods such as, but not limited to, fencing, speed bumps/stop signs, supporting deer-resistant plantings, etc.? No Yes
- b) And/or, if Yes, do you support committing to multi-seasonal public funds toward the effort of limiting human/deer conflicts via culling. No Yes

14) Please provide additional comments or a description of issues that you would like to make the committee aware of regarding deer.

Open Questions:

1. **How will we conduct the questionnaire?**
2. **How will we keep things fair by number of responses per household? Keep anonymous, etc?**
3. **Paper or Electronic?**

From: Sara Phyfer
Cc: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Email from Tim Preuss
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:58:00 PM
Attachments: [Deer Questionnaire updated 0605 tspcomments 20200611.docx](#)

Committee members –

Please see the below email from Tim Preuss regarding his recommendations for the questionnaire, with his edits in the attached document.

Thanks,

Sara Phyfer
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Preuss, Timothy** <Timothy.Preuss@illinois.gov>
Date: Thu, Jun 11, 2020, 1:59 PM
Subject: RE: [External] thank you
To: Katharine Christmas [REDACTED] Tom Cargie
[REDACTED]

Tom and Katharine,

I've had some time to review the draft survey questionnaire in more detail and have a number of recommendations. I know the committee has put a lot of work into the current version of the survey, but I think it can be improved with a few revisions. Many of the questions in the survey are complex with 4 to 7 answer choices and other questions with ranking. This will make the survey more complicated for residents to answer, but, more importantly, will make analysis of the results more difficult. I understand that an attempt is being made to represent as many options and points of view as possible, but I recommend simplifying some of the questions. Some of that was already completed at the meeting on Tuesday. Also, make sure you are thinking through how you will analyze each question. With the complexity of some of the questions, I'm concerned that it may be difficult to obtain meaningful results. I have made a number of comments/edits/recommendations in the attached document. Please look it over and let me know if you have any questions.

As for the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, it currently doesn't look like I will be

available to participate. But, please send me an invite in case my schedule changes.

Tim Preuss
Urban Deer Project Manager
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
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Elgin, IL 60120
Phone: (847) 798-7620



Village of River Forest Deer Questionnaire

Questionnaire Objective: Property damage caused by white-tailed deer is a concern of many municipalities in northeast Illinois. Our Village is working cooperatively with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to address this concern in River Forest. We need your help to determine the extent, type, and specific location of deer-related damage. Please fill out this questionnaire even if you have not observed any deer-related damage. The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather River Forest residents' points of view on the deer population and its impacts on the community. This questionnaire will help guide the River Forest Deer Committee on making recommendations for next steps and is for information gathering purposes only.



Add definition of culling to the survey. Include that the deer meat will be donated to food pantries.

- 1) Do you live in River Forest and are you at least 18 years of age? Yes or No.
 - If No, please do not complete the questionnaire.
 - If Yes, all River Forest residents ages 18 and older residing at your address are encouraged to answer the questionnaire.

- 2) What is your address?

- 3) In the past 12 months, how often have you seen deer **on your property**?
 - a) N/A
 - b) Frequently (once a week or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
 - c) Frequently (once a week or more), all year long
 - d) Occasionally (once a month or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
 - e) Occasionally (once a month or more), all year long
 - f) Rarely (only a couple times a year)
 - g) NeverOn average, how many deer do you see on your property per occurrence? _____


- 4) In the past 12 months, how often have you seen deer within River Forest **outside of your property**?
 - a) Frequently (once a week or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
 - b) Frequently (once a week or more), all year long
 - c) Occasionally (once a month or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
 - d) Occasionally (once a month or more), all year long
 - e) Rarely (only a couple times a year)
 - f) Never
 - g) Please provide some detail regarding where in RF you've seen the deer, i.e. street intersection or park: _____

- 5) Are you experiencing any deer issues currently? In the past 12 months, have you experienced any personal property damage caused by deer?




___ Yes ___ No


If "Yes", please complete all of the following questions.

If "No", please skip to question #10. 

 6) What deer-related issues are you experiencing/have you experienced since living in River Forest?

What type of property damage was incurred? (Select all that apply)

- a) Lyme disease and tick-borne infections 
- b) Deer-vehicle collision or near miss/dangerous distraction
- c) Damage to vegetable gardens / flowers / lawn / shrubs /plants
- d) Human-habituated "too tame" deer
- e) Neighbor feeding deer and attracting them to my yard
- f) Feces in yard
- g) Other: _____


 7) The amount of damage that you have experienced is...?


- a) Very acceptable
- b) Acceptable
- c) No opinion
- d) Unacceptable
- e) Very unacceptable

8) Have you taken any actions to alleviate the deer issues? If no, please continue to Question 10. 

Yes__ No__

9) What actions have you taken? (select all that apply, and indicate how successful the action was on a 1-5 scale—with 1 being ineffective and 5 being highly effective)

- a) ___ No action 
- b) ___ Switched to planting deer-resistant plants
- c) ___ Used fencing / netting / barriers
- d) ___ Used repellents
- e) ___ Used scare tactics or mechanisms
- f) ___ Other: _____

 10) Please rank the below deer issues in order of importance to you, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important (or 7 if you listed something under "Other")

- a) ___ Lyme disease and tick-borne infections
- b) ___ Deer-vehicle collision or near miss/dangerous distraction
- c) ___ Damage to vegetable gardens / flowers / lawn / shrubs /plants
- d) ___ Human-habituated "too tame" deer
- e) ___ Neighbor feeding deer and attracting them to my yard
- f) ___ Feces in yard
- g) ___ Other: _____



- 11) How do you feel about the current numbers of deer in your neighborhood?
- Would like to see many more deer
 - Would like to see a few more deer
 - Would like deer to remain at present numbers
 - Would like fewer deer
 - Would like no deer in residential areas
- 12) Do you believe the Village of River Forest should take action on resolving deer conflicts in the Village of River Forest? Yes or No.
- If Yes, do you support committing public funds toward the effort of limiting human/deer conflicts via non-population control methods such as, but not limited to, fencing, speed bumps/stop signs, supporting deer-resistant plantings, etc.? No Yes
 - And/or, if Yes, do you support committing to multi-seasonal public funds toward the effort of limiting human/deer conflicts via deer population control methods intended to reduce the size of the deer population. No Yes
- 13) Please provide additional comments or a description of issues that you would like to make the committee aware of regarding deer.

Please consider visiting the following websites for further information about deer management:

[VRF IDNR presentation link](#)

[Other links?](#)

Open Questions:

- How will we conduct the questionnaire?
- How will we keep things fair by number of responses per household? Keep anonymous, etc?
- Paper or Electronic?
- Is there an actual option for the deer meat to be donated?
- Can we have an expert come and speak to the Committee?
 - Need help determining the lifecycle of culling and how long will the management be needed

Village of River Forest Deer Questionnaire^[PT1]

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Add definition of culling to the survey. Include that the deer meat will be donated to food pantries.^[PT2]

- 1) Do you live in River Forest and are you at least 18 years of age? Yes or No.
 - If No, please do not complete the questionnaire.
 - If Yes, all River Forest residents ages 18 and older residing at your address are encouraged to answer the questionnaire.

2) What is your address?

~~3) How do you feel about deer?~~^[PT3]

- ~~a) I enjoy the presence of deer~~
- ~~b) I enjoy the presence of deer, BUT I am experiencing some conflicts~~
- ~~c) I do not enjoy the presence of deer and regard them as nuisances~~
- ~~d) Other: _____~~

Committee disagreed as to whether to change this question to following: a) I enjoy the presence of deer in the wild b) I enjoy the presence of deer on my property

~~4)3)~~ In the past 1224 months, how often have you seen deer **on your property**?

- ~~a) N/A, I live in an apartment/condo~~
- b) Frequently (once a week or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
- c) Frequently (once a week or more), all year long
- d) Occasionally (once a month or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
- e) Occasionally (once a month or more), all year long
- f) Rarely (only a couple times a year)
- g) Never

On average, how many deer do you see on your property per ~~occurrence~~occurrence? _____

~~5)4)~~ In the past 1224 months, how often have you seen deer within River Forest **outside of your property**?

- a) Frequently (once a week or more), during ____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season

- b) Frequently (once a week or more), all year long
- c) Occasionally (once a month or more), during _____ (winter/spring/summer/fall) season
- d) Occasionally (once a month or more), all year long
- e) Rarely (only a couple times a year)
- f) Never
- g) Please provide some detail regarding where in RF you've seen the deer, i.e. street intersection or park: _____

6)5) Are you experiencing any deer issues currently? [PT4] In the past 12 months, have you experienced any personal property damage caused by deer?

___ Yes ___ No

If "Yes", please complete all of the following questions.

If "No", please skip to question #10. [PT5]

7)6) What deer-related issues are you experiencing/have you experienced since living in River Forest? [PT6]

What type of property damage was incurred? (Select all that apply)

- a) Lyme disease and ~~tick borne~~ tick-borne [PT7] infections
- b) Deer-~~vehicle~~ auto collision or near miss/dangerous distraction
- c) Damage to vegetable gardens / flowers / lawn / shrubs / plants
- d) Human-habituated "too tame" deer
- e) Neighbor feeding deer and attracting them to my yard
- f) Feces in yard
- g) Other: _____

7) The amount of damage that you have experienced is...? [PT8]

- a) Very acceptable
- b) Acceptable
- c) No opinion
- d) Unacceptable
- e) Very unacceptable

~~8)1) Please rank the below deer issues in order of importance to you, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important (or 7 if you listed something under "Other")~~

- a) ~~___~~ Lyme disease and tick borne infections
- b) ~~a) ___~~ Deer auto collision or near miss/dangerous distraction
- c) ~~a) ___~~ Damage to vegetable gardens / flowers / lawn / shrubs / plants
- d) ~~a) ___~~ Human habituated "too tame" deer
- e) ~~a) ___~~ Neighbor feeding deer and attracting them to my yard
- f) ~~a) ___~~ Feces in yard
- g) ~~a) ___~~ Other: _____

9)8) Have you taken any actions to alleviate the deer issues? If no, please continue to Question 101. [PT9]

Yes__ No__

10)9) What actions have you taken? (select/circle all that apply, and indicate how successful the action was on a 1-5 scale—with 1 being ineffective and 5 being highly effective)

- a) No action [PT10]
- b) Switched to planting deer-resistant plants
- c) Used fencing / netting / barriers
- d) Used repellents
- e) Used scare tactics or mechanisms
- f) Other: _____

10) Please rank the below deer issues in order of importance to you, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important (or 7 if you listed something under "Other")

- a) Lyme disease and tick-borne/tick-borne infections
- b) Deer-vehicle/auto collision or near miss/dangerous distraction
- c) Damage to vegetable gardens / flowers / lawn / shrubs / plants
- d) Human-habituated "too tame" deer
- e) Neighbor feeding deer and attracting them to my yard
- f) Feces in yard
- g) Other: _____ [PT11]

11) What kind of deer conflict management program is acceptable to you?

- a) Do nothing and leave deer alone
- b) Prefer non-lethal (no killing of deer) options only (i.e. more traffic signs, education)
- c) Prefer lethal (killing of deer via professional sharpshooting) option only
- d) Prefer a combination of both options above for managing issues
- e) No opinion/ do not care
- f) Other option (please specify): _____ [PT12]

11) How do you feel about the current numbers of deer in your neighborhood?

- a) Would like to see many more deer
- b) Would like to see a few more deer
- c) Would like deer to remain at present numbers
- d) Would like fewer deer
- e) Would like no deer in residential areas [PT13]

12) Do you believe the Village of River Forest should take action on resolving deer conflicts in the Village of River Forest? Yes or No.

- a) If Yes, do you support committing public funds toward the effort of limiting human/deer conflicts via non-population control methods such as, but not limited to, fencing, speed bumps/stop signs, supporting deer-resistant plantings, etc.? No Yes
- b) And/or, if Yes, do you support committing to multi-seasonal public funds toward the effort of limiting human/deer conflicts via deer population control methods such as, but not limited to, culling/intended to reduce the size of the deer population. No Yes

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VRF IDNR presentation link

Other links?

Open Questions:

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